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Dalli-Rajhara to Rowghat Rail Link

6427. SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR:Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of a new railway line from Dalli-Rajhara (District Durg) to Rowghat Iron Mines (district Bastar) has been sanctioned;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the project; and

(c) when the construction work is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The cost of this 95 km line is estimated to be Rs. 88.35 crores at 1987-88 price level. The present day cost would be about Rs. 120 crores.

(c) This proposed line is a single user line required by Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL), for movement of iron ore to Bhilai. Survey has been completed and cost advised to Ministry of Steel. Work can be taken up as and when Ministry of Steel/SAIL arrange funding for this line.

Catering in the North-Eastern sector flights

6428. SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR:Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether inflight catering in North-Eastern Sector is below standard as being maintained in advanced sectors like Bombay, Delhi and Madras; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to improve the menu and its quality in this sector also.

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Shuttle service between Wardha and Nagpur

6429. SHRI RAMCHANDRA MAROTRAO GHANGARE:Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce a shuttle train from Wardha to Nagpur and vice-versa for the convenience of employees of that area and to reduce congestion in long distance trains; and

(b) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Misuse of Power in Delhi

6430. SHRI MORESHWAR SA
SHRI GOVINDA CHANDRA MUNDA:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether DESU has conducted any survey to detect excess load, misuse, theft and other violations by consumers in domestic and industrial sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken against the defaulters and the measures proposed to be taken to prevent the recurrence of such incidents in future;

(d) whether D.E.S.U. has received complaints regarding supply of electricity to illegal industries in various parts of the Capital;

(e) if so, the details thereof, area-wise; and

(f) the action proposed to be taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH): (a) to (d). DESU has checked 29,321 connections during 1st April, 1991 to 22nd August, 1991 and detected 19, 837 cases of theft of power, besides 3840 cases of violations of the Delhi Electricity control Order relating to use of air conditioners, neon signs during prohibited hours, mis-use of power and peak load violations. 314 FIRs were lodged during this period. Theft of power has been made a cognizable offence under the Indian Electricity Act. DESU is continuing its drive against the theft and misuse of power.

(e) and (f). The complaints received by DESU regarding alleged supply to illegal industries are looked into by DESU and if any such case is established, appropriate action under the relevant rules is taken against such consumers. According to DESU, location-wise record of such complaints is not kept.

Fast Train from Ernakulam to Kozhikode

6431. SHRI K. MURLEE DHARAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a demand has been made to introduce a fast train from Ernakulam to Kozhikode; and

(b) if so, when it is likely to be introduced; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Examined but not considered justified as adequate number of fast train services are already available on the section.

[*Translation*]

Corruption in Coal Production in Argadda

6432. PROF. ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the quality of coal produced in Aradda in Bihar during the last year;

(b) whether complaints of corruption cases have come to the notice of the Government in the production of coal in Argadda;

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(d) the number of persons found guilty in this connection and the action taken against them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMGOUDA): (a) The grade-wise production of coal in Argadda area during the year 1990-91 is as under:-